



## SEAFORTH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### **Bienvenue! Welcome Back!**

The Seaforth Parent Advisory Council welcomes you back for the new school year. On behalf of the PAC, we would also like to extend a warm welcome to those families new to Seaforth. Seaforth parents are unparalleled in their enthusiasm and participation and we look forward to working with you to make this a productive and exciting year for the Seaforth community.

We have attached some detailed information regarding the PAC events and committees, as well as a number of forms for you to fill out. Please complete the forms and return them to the school as soon as possible to ensure these programs can run smoothly. Thank you!

### **What is PAC?**

Being the parent of a Seaforth student, you are automatically a member of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Your opinion is important to the school, and you are able to vote on issues affecting your child(ren) such as at the annual budget, major expenditures and other issues discussed at the General PAC Meetings. Each June, interested parents are elected by their peers to serve on the PAC Executive Committee. This committee is a smaller group elected specifically to implement the ideas of the general parent population. Our function is to represent you and your child(ren) in the school community. We support community and classroom projects, assist in purchasing items not funded by the district or province, and help bring parental concerns and issues to the appropriate channels for resolution. We often send home PAC updates by email, in the school bulletin or as a paper notice sent home with your kids – you can always identify PAC correspondence by the paw-print letterhead. The PAC website, [www.seaforthpac.net](http://www.seaforthpac.net), features a variety of useful information such as the school calendar, reminders about upcoming events, PAC minutes, notices, etc. Relevant information is also posted on the PAC bulletin board, which is just inside the front entrance.

### **Your PAC Executive**

Chairperson – Rhylin Bailie – [chair@seaforthpac.net](mailto:chair@seaforthpac.net) or [info@seaforthpac.net](mailto:info@seaforthpac.net)

Vice Chairperson – *Vacant*

Treasurer(s) – Sophie Cong and Rema Sanghera

Secretary – *Vacant*

DPAC Rep (District PAC) – MaryAnn Giardini

CPF Rep (Canadian Parents for French) – Cheryl Tong

Members at Large – Lynne Vidler, Zena Kwan, Sandra Mankoo, Hark Sandhu

Past Chair – Jen Mezei

School Planning Committee – Jen Mezei, Pablo Su, Paulina Chow-White

### **Executive Vacancies**

We are hoping to appoint both a Vice Chair and a Secretary at the first PAC Executive meeting on September 21. If you are interested in this position or require further information, please contact Rhylin Bailie as soon as possible.

### **General PAC Meetings**

The PAC Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the school library. Our first General PAC meeting for the school is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21. The meeting agenda will be posted on the school bulletin board and also emailed to parents a week or so in advance. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

### **Volunteers**

All of the PAC and school events are coordinated by parent volunteers. Helping out at the school is an excellent way to meet the teachers and other parents and become more involved in your child(ren)'s education. A summary of PAC events and volunteer positions is attached. Please consider volunteering your time to help make the École Seaforth Elementary School community a success.

### **Fundraising Programs**

As discussed and agreed at the June AGM, the Seaforth PAC will again solicit donations from parents for the 2011-2012 school year rather than participating in the typical sales-based fundraisers that most schools use. We will also continue with our popular fund-generating programs and events: Hot Lunch Program, Movie Nights and the Seaforth Carnival.

General PAC Events and PAC-sponsored capital expenditures will be paid for by the programs mentioned above. **All parent donations will be divided on a per capita basis among the classrooms and used by the teachers to support your child(ren)'s education.** Our goal is to raise \$30 per student. Please

complete the attached form and return it with your cheque to your child's classroom by October 14. This will enable us to direct the funds to the teachers early in the year. Thank you so much for your kind generosity!

The PAC also organizes a number of events from which funds go directly to the school, such as Family Photo Night (funds go to the school) and Book Fairs (funds go to the library). And special interest groups may also occasionally organize a hot lunch to raise funds for specific events. Based on feedback received in last year's survey, we shall try to make it very clear which group is organizing the event and what the funds will be used for.

### **Community Events**

We are hoping to host a number of events at the school that foster a sense of community. Movie Nights and this year's Carnival provide wonderful opportunities for Seaforth's students and families to get together and socialize while also raising funds to support the school and Seaforth's students. If you have other ideas for community events, we'd love to hear about them! Please email [chair@seaforthpac.net](mailto:chair@seaforthpac.net) or speak directly with a member of the PAC Exec.

### **Parent Ideas**

The best ideas that PAC has are yours. Please feel free to drop suggestions or comments in the PAC suggestion Box in the foyer, or email us at [info@seaforthpac.net](mailto:info@seaforthpac.net). We look forward to hearing from you.

We look forward to another great year for our children at Seaforth!

Yours truly,  
Rhylin Bailie  
PAC Chairperson  
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